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"To get Louisianians back to work, we need to make smart investments in job training and education," said Rep. Melancon. **"This \$4.8 million Recovery Act grant for Louisiana Technical College is a perfect example of that kind of investment. Through their partnership with local employers, Louisiana Technical College is training workers in the skills they need to succeed in high-growth industries in our region. With this Recovery Act investment, LTC will be able to expand their training programs, so more Louisianians can begin new careers right here in Acadiana."**

Annette Faulk, Associate Dean for Louisiana Technical College Region 4's Grant Division, said, **"The region is currently participating in two grants related to renewable energy and has just begun solar training courses for both grid systems as well as thermal systems. We are delighted to add additional green technology training to our transportation programs."**

Louisiana Technical College will use the \$4,859,040 Recovery Act investment to serve more students, offer new programs, and expand the scope of existing programs. Region 4 campuses will add green technology training to their training programs in several career pathways related to the Acadiana region's growing transportation industry. Students in these training programs will explore careers at shipping and receiving centers and be placed in customized training programs including industrial/agricultural mechanics, aviation technology, heavy equipment operations, and business services for warehousing and distribution.

All campuses within LTC Region 4 will benefit from this Recovery Act investment. Those campuses are: Gulf Area (Vermilion Parish), Teche Area (Iberia Parish), Lafayette (Lafayette Parish), T.H. Harris (Opelousas Parish), Acadian (Acadia Parish), Evangeline (St. Martin

Parish), and Coreil (Evangeline Parish).

LTC's expanded training programs will enable 768 participants to receive industry-recognized credentials and/or Associate degrees in Applied Science. The skills training is designed to move unemployed workers from declining industries into the transportation industry.

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